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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document (except U.S. patent document) is attached.

Documents AA and AF were cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding European patent application. The search report is also enclosed.

US Patent Nos. 4,697,431, 6,266,967, Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 9-99733, 2-71061 and 8-226716 were already filed by the previous Information Disclosure Statement dated February 10, 2004.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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